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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director of Central Intelligence

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SUBJECT: Response to Your Note of 5 November on "The USSR's
Economic Breakout"

1. I think you will agree that the attached redraft of NSSD 2-86 better highlights and integrates potential security problems and trouble areas. Indeed, the executive summary omits mention of benign intent focusing only on the bottom line that Soviet participation "poses a serious challenge to U.S. policy objectives and to some degree to U.S. national security." In the attached memo (Att. A) I suggested the NSC flesh out this section.

2. Because Alix Platt requested the CIA input on short deadline, it did not get a rigorous review either by me or the folks in the SOVA line. Both Doug Whitehouse and I recognized the lack of balance and talked with Platt about it before sending the paper. Alix was anxious to get the NSC process underway and requested the paper as input on an "as is" basis rather than wait a day for cleanup. We are all in agreement that the primary objective of the final document will be to forewarn policymakers of future Soviet actions and possible risks to U.S. interests.



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Attachments:

- A. Memo to NSA
- B. Executive Summary and Analysis and Conclusions
of NSC Draft in Response to NSSD 2-86

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